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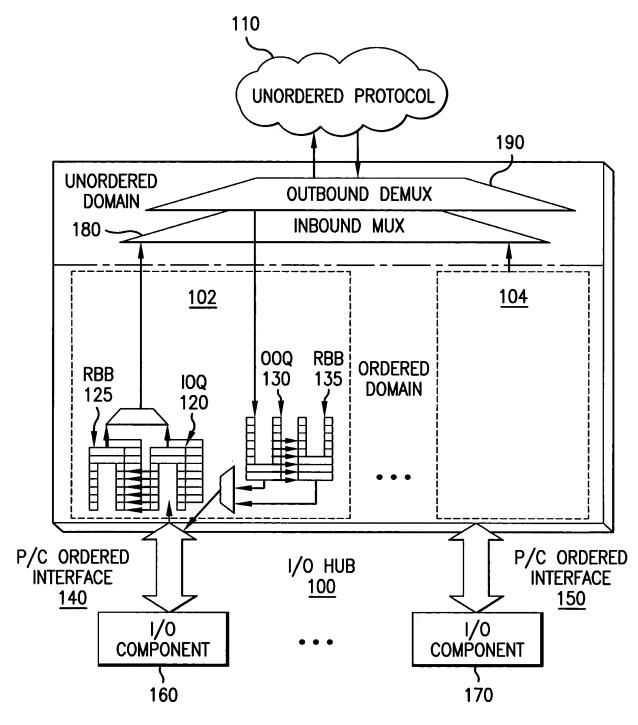


FIG.1



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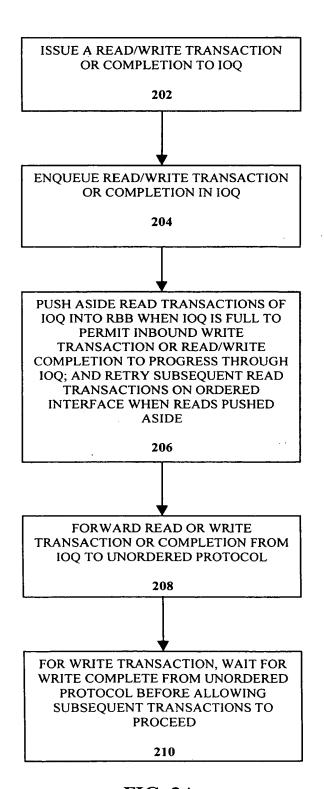


FIG. 2A



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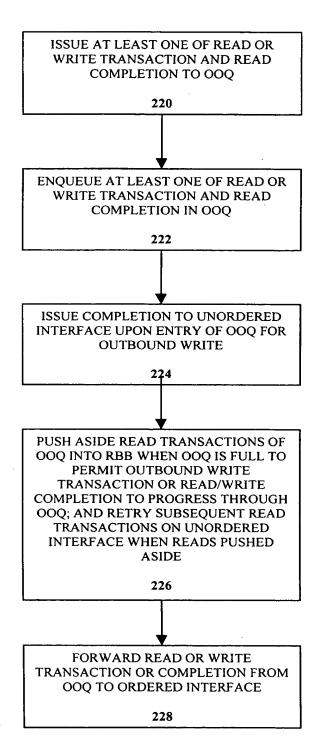


FIG. 2B

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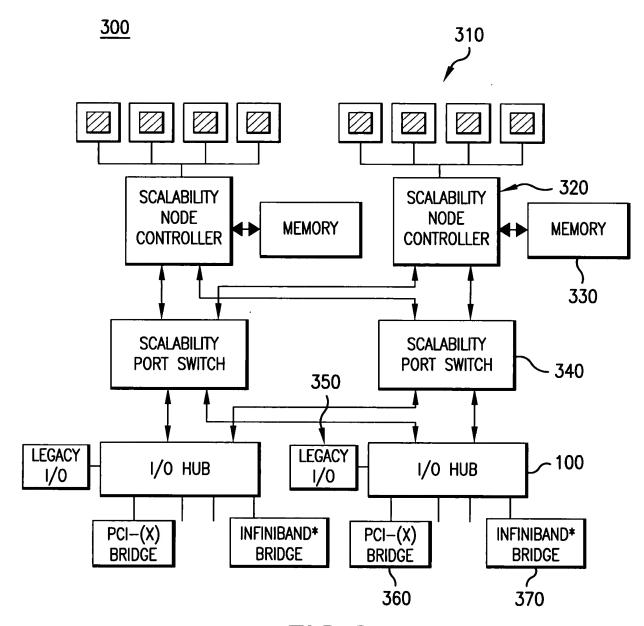


FIG.3